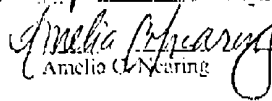


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In re application: **Hamann et al.**Serial No.: **10/015,251**Filed: **December 12, 2001**For: **System and Method for
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